



# MoWIB

## *In the Know*

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### From the Executive Director



**Dear Board Members and Workforce Development Community:**

As winter ends and the new season "springs" upon us, the MoWIB staff invites you to enjoy the first "In the Know" publication of 2010. Our distribution list continues to expand and we appreciate the feedback and support offered from our readers.

*Nia V. Ray*

### Governor Nixon Lauds Businesses That Hire Veterans

In his 2010 State of the State Address, Governor Jay Nixon announced the "Show-Me Heroes" initiative to showcase businesses pledging to hire Missouri veterans.

The "Show-Me Heroes" website, accessed through [www.mo.gov](http://www.mo.gov) or [ShowMeHeroes.mo.gov](http://ShowMeHeroes.mo.gov), displays the names of participating businesses and connects employers with job-seeking veterans. "I want every employer in this state, every technical school, every community college, every university....every city and county, every state department with a job opening, to sign this pledge and show that Missouri hires its veterans," Governor Nixon stated. DED's Division of Workforce Development will administer the program by providing guidance and support from Missouri Career Center's Veterans Outreach staff.



If you need assistance or have any questions regarding the Show-Me Heroes program, please call 1-800-592-6020 or email: [ShowMeHeroes@ded.mo.gov](mailto:ShowMeHeroes@ded.mo.gov).

#### **MoWIB Member companies currently pledged to Show Me Heroes:**

Kansas City Power & Light (**Mike Deggendorf**); DRS Technologies, Inc./DRS Sustainment Systems, Inc. (**Garland Barton**); Susanna Wesley Learning Center (**Martha Ellen Black**); Altec Industries (**Rick Gronniger**); Mineral Area College (**Gil Kennon**); Missouri Department of Economic Development (**David Kerr**); North Central Missouri College (**Neil Nuttall**); Missouri Department of Higher Education (**Robert Stein**); Associated General Contractors (**Len Toenjes**)

### Governor Nixon Launches *Training for Tomorrow* Initiative

Governor Nixon recently launched *Training for Tomorrow*, a \$12 million initiative to educate and employ Missourians in high-tech fields and growing industries. These grants will help Missouri community colleges create new or expand existing training programs to serve additional students.

To receive funds, Missouri Community College Association member institutions partnered with the governments of their respective counties to apply for grant dollars. To date, three grants totaling more than \$2 million have been awarded to the following: East Central College, Mineral Area College and St. Charles Community College. For additional information, please visit the Governor's Web portal [www.gov.mo.gov](http://www.gov.mo.gov) or [click here](#).



Joined by nursing and allied health students, Gov. Jay Nixon announces the *Training for Tomorrow* initiative on the campus of Moberly Area Community College on December 15, 2009.

## Missouri Departmental/Divisional Updates:

### Department of Economic Development (DED)

- **Governor Nixon announces new plan** to re-tool economic incentive programs sparking growth of Missouri businesses. Read more [here](#).....
- **DED releases January 2010 State Jobs Report.** Read the latest [here](#).....
- **Federal funds designated** for High-Speed Rail and other improvements. Read more [here](#).....
- **UM announces \$5M Program** to assist start-ups. Click [here](#) to learn more.....
- **Missouri's Green Construction Conference** set for March 16-17 in Jefferson City. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Economic Development Strategic Planning Training Course** slated for March 18-19 in Springfield. Click [here](#) for additional information and registration details.
- **Governor Nixon announces innovative plan** to bring more science and technology companies to Missouri – *MO Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act* (MOSIRA). More information available [here](#).....
- **Missouri Companies make Fortune's Best Places to Work List.** Complete details are available [here](#).....

### Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

- **"Race to the Top" Revised Application is in the works.** Read the latest update [here](#).....
- **Missouri Kids Respond to Haiti Crisis.** Find out more [here](#).....
- **Tax Refund Donations** help launch new after-school reading programs. More information available [here](#).....

- **More Seek Help for GED Test** to beat unemployment odds. Read more [here](#).....

### Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)

- **H1N1 Virus** still causing illness. Read the latest [here](#).....

### Department of Higher Education (DHE)

- **Governor says Education and Training are Investments** in Missourians. Read more [here](#).....

### Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DOLIR)

- **Labor Department works** to catch fraudulent benefit claimants. More of this story located [here](#).....
- **Labor Quick Stats for December 2009** posted to website. Click [here](#) for more info.....
- **Labor/Management Conference** coming to Missouri in July 2010. Find out more [here](#).....

### Department of Social Services (DSS)

- **DSS marks full-state accreditation** of Children's Division. Read more [here](#).....

### Division of Workforce Development (DWD)

- **Missouri awarded more than \$13M** in federal grants for health care job training. Click [here](#) to read the press release.
- **New Summer Parks Youth Corps** program announced for Missouri's youth. Read more [here](#).....

### Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC)

- **Missouri Target Industry Competency Model – Life Sciences** Report Now Available! Click [here](#) to read the full report.
- **Missouri Ranks High in Women Doctoral Graduates.** Read more [here](#)....
- **Missouri's Hot Jobs Forecast Report Updated through 2018 – Now Available!** Click [here](#) to read the full report.....
- **Pattern Analysis Reports** posted to the website. Click [here](#) to access the reports.....
- **Green Jobs Report** available on line. Click [here](#) to read the report.

### Quick Links:

(either click on the hyperlink or type the url address into your web browser)

[Missouri Workforce Investment Board](#)

([www.mowib.ded.mo.gov](http://www.mowib.ded.mo.gov))

[State of Missouri](#)

([www.mo.gov](http://www.mo.gov))

[Department of Corrections](#)

([www.doc.mo.gov](http://www.doc.mo.gov))

[Dept. of Economic Development](#)

([www.ded.mo.gov](http://www.ded.mo.gov))

[Division of Workforce Development](#)

([www.workforce.mo.gov](http://www.workforce.mo.gov))

[Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

([www.dese.mo.gov](http://www.dese.mo.gov))

[Dept. of Health and Senior Services](#)

([www.dhss.mo.gov](http://www.dhss.mo.gov))

[Department of Higher Education](#)

([www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov))

[Department of Labor and Industrial Relations](#)

([www.dolir.mo.gov](http://www.dolir.mo.gov))

[Department of Social Services](#)

([www.dss.mo.gov](http://www.dss.mo.gov))

[Missouri Economic Research and Information Center](#)

([www.missourieconomy.org](http://www.missourieconomy.org))

[Missouri Career Source](#)

([www.missouricareersource.com](http://www.missouricareersource.com))

## Local Workforce Investment Boards' Updates (LWIBs)

**NOTE:** Only those LWIBs submitting information are featured in this section. However, this is not a full reflection of all 14 regional LWIBs within the state. For more information on any published topics or inquire of any LWIB's current projects, please refer to the *Quick Links* box below.



[www.feckc.org](http://www.feckc.org)

**FORD 20/20 TASK Force** - The FEC is currently working with a collaborative group of partners to create a strategy of continued growth and success for Ford Motor Company's Kansas City Assembly Plant. The primary goal is to insure local workforce progress by analyzing the environment for locations competing for the manufacturer's possible plant relocation.

New labor representatives appointed to the NEMO WIB - The Northeast Missouri Workforce Investment Board (NEMO WIB) welcomed two new Board Members at their January 25, 2010 WIB meeting. The Northeast Missouri Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEOs) appointed Steve Garner with Pipefitters #562 and Bill Tate with IBEW #350 (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) to fill two vacancies.



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NEMO (Northeast Missouri  
Workforce Investment Board)

[www.nemowib.org](http://www.nemowib.org)

**NEMO has joined forces with the Northeast Missouri Development Partnership** to work on business development and attraction, community development, entrepreneurship, infrastructure, leadership and workforce development throughout the region. For more information please visit : [www.nemowib.org/NortheastMissouriDevelopmentPartnership](http://www.nemowib.org/NortheastMissouriDevelopmentPartnership).



[www.nwwib.org](http://www.nwwib.org)



**NW WIB Director Retiring** - After having been involved in workforce development for more than 15 years, Northwest Workforce Investment Board (NW WIB) Director, Becky Steele, has retired. Because of her status, tenure and leadership abilities, the NW WIB has been regarded as a premier Workforce Investment Board. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure to work with and for her. Read more [here](#).....

**School at Work Project – Heartland Regional Medical Center:** A special commencement ceremony was held on Thursday, January 28, 2010 as the first class of ten students completed the *School-At-Work* curriculum at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, MO. The program is designed for employees who are returning to school, advancing in their current position or assuming new clinical or clerical support roles in the Heartland Health System.

**Mobile Career Center Takes Job Assistance throughout Ozark Region** - Read the press release [here](#).....



**WORKFORCE  
INVESTMENT BOARD**  
MISSOURI'S OZARK REGION

[www.ozarksjobpath.org](http://www.ozarksjobpath.org)



[www.stlworks.com](http://www.stlworks.com)

**SLATE WIB Chair Wins SLAHA Award** - Mr. Jeff Serocke, Chairman of the St. Louis Workforce Investment Board, received the 2009 Human Resources Professional of the Year award on February 18, 2010 from the St. Louis Area Hotel Association (SLAHA). Mr. Serocke, the Market Director of Human Resources for the Renaissance Grand & Suites Hotel and the St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel, has worked for Marriott International for over 27 years, the last 18 in Human Resources. He has been a member of the local Workforce Investment Board for over 9 years.

## Local Workforce Regions – Quick Links:

[Central Region](#)  
[Kansas City & Vicinity](#)  
[Ozark Region](#)  
[Southwest Region](#)  
[St. Louis County](#)

[East Jackson County](#)  
[Northeast Region](#)  
[South Central Region](#)  
[St. Charles County](#)  
[West Central Region](#)

[Jefferson/Franklin Consortium](#)  
[Northwest Region](#)  
[Southeast Region](#)  
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**Got a story idea? Want to share news of an upcoming event/training?**

Submit your information, suggestions or comments, for inclusion in next quarter's issue by **May 10, 2010**, to

Glenda Terrill at [glenda.terrill@ded.mo.gov](mailto:glenda.terrill@ded.mo.gov)

or call her at (573) 522-8621.

You may also fax information to (573) 751-3461.

**Questions?**

Call our office at (573) 526-8229.

We also welcome your ideas for improvement on this and future newsletter submissions.

# Thank you!

All information was either provided directly to us or from other department websites. If some of the links are inactive, please copy/paste to your browser to access or contact us for assistance.

**Special thanks**

to everyone submitting information for our third edition e-News Update.

**About MoWIB.....**

**The Missouri Workforce Investment Board (MoWIB)** sets workforce policy for Missouri's local workforce areas and strengthens ties among state workforce, education and economic development agencies. It advises Missouri's workforce partners in implementing innovative strategies to ensure a prepared workforce for the new economy.

Formerly the Missouri Training and Employment Council, MoWIB is currently a 29-member board, a majority of which represents high level management representatives from Missouri's most progressive and successful companies. The Board meets quarterly and engages the Directors and Commissioners of six state agencies to meet the objective of strengthening Missouri's workforce system.